

Those honored at the ceremony were not only chosen as role models within their respective commands but also were afforded the unique opportunity to serve as a source of inspiration and guidance.

The award recipients from DCMA were as follows:

Ms. Grace Kawonczyk

DCMA BAE Systems, Nashua, N.H.

Ms. Yvonne Kimball

DCMA APO – Pratt and Whitney,
East Hartford, Conn.

Ms. Ellen Leidy

DCMA Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio

Ms. Annette M. Love

DCMA Lockheed Martin Space Systems,
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Ms. Lisa Maenza

DCMA AIMO – Bethpage, Bethpage, Fla.

Ms. Debbie Murray

DCMA Southern Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany

Ms. Julie A. Nesbit

DCMA Virginia, Manassas, Va.

Ms. Lisa Pagliocchini

DCMA Virginia, Manassas, Va.

Ms. Angel Perez

DCMA Raytheon Tucson, Tucson, Ariz.

Ms. Kim Pham

DCMA Boeing Space & Communications,
Seal Beach, Calif.

Ms. Stephanie Rocha

DCMA Boeing Long Beach, Long Beach, Calif.

Ms. Armeda Ryder

DCMA Virginia, Manassas, Va.

Ms. Cathy C. Siefert

DCMA Lockheed Martin Fort Worth,
Fort Worth, Texas

Air Force Maj. Jocelyn R. Swayze

DCMA Palmdale, El Segundo, Calif.

Ms. Lam B. Ta

DCMA Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ms. Martha Walker

DCMA Virginia, Manassas, Va.

Air Force Lt. Col. Latishie L. Wodetzki

DCMA Palmdale, Palmdale, Calif.



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(Right from top to bottom) Ms. Yvonne Kimball; Ms. Ellen Leidy (DCMA staff photos)

DCMA AIMO — Birmingham Lends a Helping Hand

by Tech. Sgt. Rafael Him, U.S. Air Force, Test Flight Systems Evaluator and
KC-135 Boom Operator, DCMA AIMO – Birmingham

Hurricane Katrina was one of the largest natural disasters in American history. Thousands of families were displaced and their homes and belongings lost. Among the many Americans who quickly came to the aid of the Katrina victims were the employees of the Defense

Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Aircraft Integrated Maintenance Operations (AIMO) – Birmingham in Alabama. The DCMA AIMO – Birmingham Sunshine Committee partnered with the Birmingham Baptist Association to provide assistance to one of the displaced families. The Beach family, who

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escaped the fury of Hurricane Katrina but lost most of their personal possessions, is now a part of the DCMA AIMO – Birmingham family. Working together, the DCMA AIMO – Birmingham team was able to help replace some of the Beach family's lost items so they can have a new start.

Following is the Beach family's story in their own words:

We thought we would go through our normal routine (leave New Orleans for about three days and then return). What many of us did not know was that some of us would not have a home to return to. We never thought we would experience what we are going through. ... Then there was the agony of not knowing when, or if, we would see family members and friends again.

[We] ended up in Fulndale, Ala., ... [and] it was weeks before we were able to go back to New Orleans. Sometime around the beginning of October, we were told our home had over six feet of water and that we lost everything in the house. We realized it was time to start looking for a place to live. We found an apartment in the Gardendale area, but we were in need of many things. After praying about the situation, I received a call from Mr. Branum of Fulndale First Baptist Church. He told me to contact Ms. Debra Lawson at DCMA [AIMO – Birmingham] and to tell her who I was and where I was from. DCMA blessed



my family with many things that were needed for our apartment. The people at DCMA, the Postal Office Annex, Fulndale High School, and many others, have allowed my family to start over.

Even though we lost the material things that we have accumulated over the years, our family is blessed. We have our lives when there were so many lives lost. People have accepted us with open arms. It's good to know that we still have loving and caring people in the world today.

My family and I say thank you, thank you and thank you once again.

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The members of DCMA AIMO – Birmingham are proud to have represented the entire DCMA community by doing their part in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and helping a family in need.

(Above) The DCMA AIMO – Birmingham Sunshine Committee partnered with the Birmingham Baptist Association to provide assistance to the hurricane-displaced Beach family. Back row, from left: Ms. Pat McGuirk, DCMA AIMO – Birmingham; Ms. Lillie Ware, Beach family member; and Ms. Donna Austin, DCMA AIMO – Birmingham. Front row – members of the Beach family, from left: Ms. Theresa Tyree, Ms. Debra Lawson, Ms. Bronnicia Beach and Ms. Monique Beach. (DCMA staff photo)